

### **XVIII Airborne Corps Shoulder Patch**



The history of the XVIII Airborne Corps patch began with the activation of the II Armored Corps at Camp Polk, LA, on 17 January 1942.



The corps was redesignated XVIII Corps on 9 October 1943, at the Presidio of Monterey, CA.



In February 1944, the Corps adopted the dragon patch to represent cunning, endurance, and ferocity against its enemies and is symbolic of the strategic and powerful attack of the Corps.



The Corps celebrates its birthday on 25 August 1944, when the blue airborne tab was added at Ogbourne, St. George, England.

When the tab was added, troopers turned the patch into a square. The Corps returned to the United States in late June 1945 and was deactivated 15 October 1945, at Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Although the patch has been worn as a square since 1944, the Army's official description wasn't amended to reflect the change until May 1950.



After WWII, a reverse combat patch was worn by Corps veterans but it was never officially authorized and was discontinued soon thereafter.

The XVIII Airborne Corps was reactivated at Fort Bragg, NC on 21 May 1951.